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1. Groups of 15 to 30 police arrived at Altenkirchen (N 55/P 68) Juliusruh and Glowe (N 55/P 77) between early January and early March 1950. It is rumored that the northern part of Ruegen Island will be placed off limits during the summer of 1950. In February 1950 several residential areas in Wiek (N 55/P 68) were vacated and requisitioned for VP purposes. It is rumored that a small training camp for 250 to 300 police is to be set up there. Fifty VP men arrived in early March 1950.
2. A VP candidate school with 800 to 1,000 police was in the buildings of the former KdF Bad (Labor Front seaside resort) of Prora (N 55/P 76), according to observations made from early March 1950 to early April 1950. Intensive training was conducted including drill, rifle and machine gun firing toward the sea, and theoretical instruction.
3. The Prora VP school observed in March and April 1950 had a headquarters, two headquarters companies, and two VP companies totaling 1,600 police. The headquarters included the following sections.
 - a. PK Section, headed by Kommissar Malisch, (fnu)
 - b. Instruction and Training Section, headed by Kommandeur Herr, (fnu)
 - c. Personnel Section, headed by Kommissar Harnisch, (fnu),
 - d. Finance Section, headed by Oberkommissar Hasselberg, (fnu),
 - e. Secretariat, headed by Hauptwachmeister Lunow, (fnu),
 - f. Communications Section, headed by Oberwachmeister Scheunemann, (fnu), This section was further subdivided

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into: A teletype office in the headquarters building with four teletype machines, a switchboard in the headquarters building, reported to have 60 extensions and telephone No Binz 84; and a radio station with three radio sets.

g. Supply Section, headed by Oberwachtmeister Voelkner, (fnu), The 1st and 2d headquarters companies included the motor pool, ordnance facilities, and PX.

4. The following personalities were identified at the Prora VP School:

Chefinspekteur Brandt, (fnu), school commandant since November 1949, an ex-major general with Field Marshall Paulus, taken prisoner at Stalingrad, later reported holding a key position in the "National Committee Free Germany". In October 1949 he replaced Inspekteur Haendel, (fnu), who had come from Eggesin (N 54/ 28) where he had established the VP school. Haendel, born in Goerlitz, fled to Western Germany on 17 or 18 October 1949.

Commandeur Herr, (fnu), CO of the VP unit and chief of the instruction & Training Section, born in Saxony.

Kalisch, (fnu), PK-Leiter.

Polizeierrat Karl Wachter, tactical instructor, born in Saxony, a skilled type-setter, 45 years old, ex-lieutenant of the German Army.

Polizeierrat Strelow, (fnu), gunnery instructor, born in the Schwerin area, 53 years old.

Oberkommissar Hans Heller, engineering instructor, born in Danzig, 29 years old, ex-lieutenant of the German Army.

Oberkommissar Heinz Richter, tank instructor, born in Thuringia, 36 years old, a former German Army sergeant major.

Oberkommissar Karlheinz Barth, map and terrain-reconnaissance instructor, born in Zoppot, 27 years old, a former officer.

Polizeimeister Ernst Rujenner, technical weapons instructor, 27 years old.

Hauptwachtmeister Alfred Schiller, signal-communications instructor, 31 years old.

Kommissar Eritsch, (fnu), Russian language teacher, born in Saxony, 33 years old.

Polizeimeister Fritz Schneider, mathematics teacher, 37 years old.

Oberkommissar Knoppe, (fnu), spelling teacher, 25 years old.

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Kommissar Brodthagen, (fnu), athletic instructor, a former first lieutenant who, until recently, had been deputy mayor of Bergen on Ruegen Island.

Three Soviet liaison officers, speaking flawless German and wearing VP uniforms of an Inspekteur, a Kommandeur and an Oberpolizeirat respectively.

5. The students at the Prora VP school received infantry training, including street and house-to-house fighting, and arms training. The following weapons were used for training purposes: 7.65-mm pistols; pistols, model 08; carbines, model 98K; submachine guns; light machine guns, model 42; heavy machine guns, model 08; and 100-mm howitzers. Theoretical instruction was also given on tanks.
6. Motor vehicles used at the school included six Horch trucks; two Opel trucks; three command cars; one jeep of US origin; six passenger cars consisting of three Opels, one six-seater Horch, one Fiat and one BMW; and two motorcycles.
7. The Prora VP school had five target ranges for small arms. Civilians were forced to vacate Mukran (N 55/P 87) because the area was to be turned into an artillery range.
8. A marine police unit of 150 men was also stationed on the Prora VP school premises.
9. The following Grenzpolizei-kommandos, coming from Saxony, had been stationed on Ruegen Island:

Sassnitz (N 55/P 87):	400 to 450 police
Bergen (N 55/P 76):	250 police
Binz (N 55/P 85):	180 police
10. The VP personnel stationed at the former KdF seaside resort of Prora, Ruegen Island, had increased to about 1,400 prior to 27 April 1950. Model 98K carbines, submachine guns and pistols were observed with the troops. *

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comment. For location and layout of the school see Annexes 1 and 2.

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